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SUBJECT: VISAS AND TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR MOZAMBIQUE

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1. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES FOR ACQUIRING VISAS TO ENTER THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE, AND ON CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL TO AND FROM MOZAMBIQUE.

2. GPRM DECREE CONCERNING VISAS ISSUED JUNE 27, 1975, REQUIRES THAT: QUOTE. FOREIGNERS WHO WISH TO ENTER MOZAMBIQUE SHOULD DIRECT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE
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EMBASSIES, CONSULATES, OR OTHER ENTITIES WHICH REPRESENT THEIR

INTERESTS IN MOZAMBIQUE. THESE ENTITIES WILL DIRECT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH IN TURN WILL SEND THEM TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, WHICH WILL GRANT OR REFUSE THE AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED. FOREIGNERS' APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE FORWARDED FROM THEIR PLACE OF ORIGIN DIRECTLY TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE. UNQUOTE.

3. TIME REQUIRED: WHILE EMBASSY IS WILLING TO TRANSMIT APPLICATIONS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, GPRM VETTING OF VISA REQUEST TAKES THREE TO FOUR WEEKS. MINISTRIES INVOLVED ARE UNDERMANNED, AND MANY NEW EMPLOYEES ARE BUSY LEARNING PROCESSES THROUGH ON-THE-JOB TRAINING. THUS, IN ORDER TO SAVE TIME BY ELIMINATING A STEP, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT TRAVELLERS APPLY DIRECTLY, BY CABLE, TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CABLE OF APPLICATION SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY PREPAID RESPONSE. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES USUALLY NOTIFY AUTHORITIES AT POINT OF ENTRY IF VISA IS GRANTED NO TRAVELLER SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ENTER MOZAMBIQUE UNLESS CONFIRMATION OF VISA ISSUANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

4. ANY VISITOR WHO ATTEMPTS TO ENTER MOZAMBIQUE WITHOUT A VALID VISA WILL BE DENIED ENTRY AND ORDERED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

5. VISA REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- (A) FULL NAME AND NATIONALITY, INCLUDING ALIASES.
- (B) FULL PASSPORT DATA, INCLUDING NUMBER, DATE AND PLACE OF ISSUE, DATE OF EXPIRATION.
- (C) DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH.
- (D) RACE, RELIGIOUS PREFERENCES, AND OCCUPATION.
- (E) NAMES AND NATIONALITIES OF PARENTS, INCLUDING MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME.
- (F) CIVIL STATUS: SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED.
- (G) NAME OF SPOUSE, IF APPLICABLE.
- (H) PREVIOUS AND PRESENT HOME ADDRESSES.
- (I) CITY AND COUNTRY FROM WHICH TRAVELLING TO MOZAMBIQUE.
- (J) DESTINATION IN MOZAMBIQUE.

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- KK) IF ENTERING BY AUTOMOBILE, MAKE, MODEL, AND LICENSE NUMBER.
- (L) COUNTRIES OF PREVIOUS RESIDENCE AND OCCUPATIONS HELD THEREIN.
- (M) PURPOSE AND DURATION OF VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE.
- (N) AMOUNT OF MONEY BROUGHT INTO COUNTRY.
- (O) PLACE AND VALUE OF BANK ACCOUNTS.
- (P) NAMES OF TWO PERSONS WHO CAN VOUCH FOR APPLICANT'S MORAL AND PHYSICAL INTEGRITY.
- (Q) WHETHER APPLICANT HAS RELATIVES IN MOZAMBIQUE; IF SO, THEIR

NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

(R) COMPLETE NAMES, NATIONALITIES, DATES AND PLACES OF BIRTH
OF PERSONS ACCOMPANYING APPLICANT.

(S) POINT OF ENTRY INTO MOZAMBIQUE.

6. VISAS ARE USUALLY ISSUED FOR ONE ENTRY VALID FOR THREE DAYS
FOR A FEE OF 100\$00 ESCUDOS (US\$3.74).

FEES FOR EXTENSIONS OF STAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) FROM 3 TO 15 DAYS -- 50 ESCUDOS (US\$1.87)

(B) FROM 15 TO 30 DAYS -- 50 ESCUDOS (US\$1.87)

(C) FROM 30 59 60 DAYS -- 100 ESCUDOS (US\$3.74)

(S) FROM 60 TO 90 DAYS -- 150 ESCUDOS (US\$5.61)

NOTE: VISAS AND EXTENSIONS FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS EQUIVALENT
TO US "A" AND "G" VISAS ARE ISSUED GRATIS. EXTENSIONS FOR
PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS MUST BE OBTAINED BY THE INDIVIDUAL.

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7. OTHER ENTRY CONDITIONS: TRAVELLERS BY AIR MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL:

- (A) TRAVELLER'S BAGGAGE AND PERSON ARE SUBJECT TO EXTREMELY THOROUGH PHYSICAL SEARCHES, SOMETIMES INCLUDING COMPLETE DIVESTITURE OF CLOTHING.
 - (B) TRAVELLER MUST EXCHANGE AN AMOUNT OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EQUAL TO 1000 ESCUDOS (ABOUT US\$40.00).
 - (C) PUBLICATIONS CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE TO GPRM MAY BE CONFISCATED.
 - (D) MOZAMBIQUE ESCUDOS BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTRY WILL BE CONFISCATED.
 - (E) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION BE BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTRY.
 - (F) TRAVELLERS ARRIVING BY AUTOMOBILE MUST PURCHASE INSURANCE
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VALID FOR MOZAMBIQUE, AND SHOULD EXPECT TO ENCOUNTER PERIODIC CHECKPOINTS AT WHICH THEIR CAR AND CONTENTS, INCLUDING ALL BAGGAGE, WILL BE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED.

8. EXIT CONDITIONS: NO EXIT VISA IS REQUIRED. TRAVELLERS SHOULD EXPECT THE SAME PHYSICAL SEARCH AS ON ARRIVAL. NO PERSON IS ALLOWED TO TAKE MOZAMBIKAN ESCUDOS OUT OF THE COUNTRY, IF, DURING THE CHECKOUT PROCESS, MOZAMBIKAN MONEY IS FOUND ON A PERSON OR IN HIS EFFECTS, IT WILL BE CONFISCATED. AN AIRPORT EXIT FEE OF 100 ESCUDOS AND AN EXPORT TAX ON ANY ARTICLES PURCHASED IN MOZAMBIQUE IS CHARGED. MINIMUM EXPORT TAX IS 100 ESCUDOS, WITH OTHER RATES ACCORDING TO THE VALUE OF THE GOODS. EXPORT OF IVORY IS PROHIBITED.

9. TANZANIAN-MOZAMBIKAN CONSULAR AGREEMENT: AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN TANZANIA AND MOZAMBIQUE WHEREBY EACH COUNTRY IS TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHER IN COUNTRIES WHERE THE OTHER DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION. THIS IS TO INCLUDE THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS. HOWEVER, THE AGREEMENT IS NOT YET IN OPERATION IN ANY TANZANIAN EMBASSY. MOZAMBIQUE HAS NOT YET ESTABLISHED ANY EMBASSY ABROAD.

10. OTHER ADVICE: PERSONS WITH HEALTH PROBLEMS WHOULD AVOID TRAVEL TO MOZAMBIQUE. MEDICAL DOCTORS ARE SCARCE AND MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE HEAVILY OVERLOADED. PHOTOGRAPHY OF ANY MILITARY PERSONNEL OR OF ANY MILITARY OR OTHER BUILDING OR INSTALLATION CONSIDERED SENSITIVE IS PROHIBITED, AND VIOLATORS ARE OFTEN SUBJECT TO LOSS OF CAMERA AND FILM.

11. TRAVELLERS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT IN THE EVENT OF A REQUIREMENT FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN MOZAMBIQUE, THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW HAS BEEN BANNED. NO LAWYERS ARE AVAILABLE. EMBASSY'S

OWN RESOURCES FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE ARE VERY LIMITED.
ARRIVING AMCITS REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH EMBASSY.

12. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS THIS INFORMATION TO ALL OTHER
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